

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE	My-PEC: Myanmar Program on the Elimination of Child Labor
REGION/COUNTRY	ASIA/Burma
PROJECT DURATION	December 31, 2013 – December 31, 2017
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING LEVEL	FY2013: USD 5,000,000 Cost Share: USD 289,000
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	<p>There is no comprehensive, reliable data on the incidence and nature of child labor in Burma. Anecdotal evidence suggests that child labor most likely exists in the agriculture sector and in the informal economy where the poorest and most vulnerable families are employed. On December 18, 2013 the Government ratified ILO Convention 182 on the Worst Forms of Child Labor. The Government has not yet ratified ILO Convention No. 138 on the Minimum Age for Work; nor has it developed specific policies or programs to address the issue. Neither national nor state/regional authorities have been trained or sensitized on definitions or concepts related to child labor, or on the differences between child labor and child work.</p>
TARGETS	<p>The “My-PEC” project will reduce child labor in Burma through the collection of national level data on child labor, awareness raising, capacity building, and policy formation in compliance with international standards. The project will provide educational services to support the withdrawal and prevention of 3,600 children from the worst forms of child labor and will also provide livelihood support to their households (1,000). The project will target its direct services in three areas of the country which will be determined after completion of the child labor research in 2014.</p>
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	<p>The goal of the project is to reduce child labor in Burma through the establishment of a comprehensive, inclusive and efficient multi-stakeholder response.</p> <p>Specific objectives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase knowledge and public awareness within Burma about child labor;• Improve legislation to address child labor in accordance with international standards;• Strengthen the capacity of the national and local governments, civil society, labor unions, employer organizations and other key actors to address, network, and advocate on child labor issues and to support the reduction of child labor;• Reduce child labor in target communities by removing children from the worst forms of child labor through educational and livelihoods interventions.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Proposed activities will focus on the following:

- Promote the ratification of ILO Convention 182 on the worst forms of child labor;
- Provide support to promote the adoption of revisions to the legal and regulatory framework for compliance with ILO Convention 182;
- Build national research capacity and provide technical support to the GOB in its efforts to collect data and conduct analysis on child labor through a child labor module within the National Labor Force Survey;
- Support studies on conditions of work in selected agricultural sub-sectors where child labor is prevalent;
- Conduct targeted awareness-raising campaigns on the worst forms of child labor;
- Provide training to employers' organizations on corporate social responsibility and advocacy on supply chain agreements and code of conduct on child labor;
- Provide training to workers' organizations on international child labor standards and how to advocate and monitor compliance with child labor laws and working conditions of workers under 18;
- Establish models in 3 selected project areas to remove and prevent 3,600 children and 1,000 households from engaging in the worst forms of child labor through targeted education and livelihood interventions.

GRANTEE

International Labor Organization – International Program
Elimination of Child Labor (ILO-IPEC)

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

Ministry of Labor, Employment and Social Security (MoLES); Ministry of Information (MoI); Ministry of Education (MoE), Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement (MoSWRR); Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development (MoNPED); Myanmar's Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (RUMFCCI); Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association (MWEA); National Network for Education Reform (NNER); Pyoe Pin; Karen Women's Empowerment Group; Mon Women's network; Chin Network; and other workers', employers' and civil society organizations to be named later.

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